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HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications
and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 01-41

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find the Motion for Extension of Confidential Treatment of The Berkshire Gas Company (the "Company"). The Motion is filed consistent with the ruling of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") in response to a motion for confidential treatment of the Company dated April 9, 2001 filed in docket D.T.E. 01-41. The Department ultimately granted protected treatment to confidential or proprietary materials from such proceeding for a period of one year from the date of the Order, viz. through June 29, 2002. See The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 01-41, p.18 (2001). The Department's Order expressly provided for the prospect that the Company might renew its request for confidential treatment. Id.

As described in the Company's submission in docket DTE 02-19, the Company has requested approval of a Gas Portfolio Optimization Agreement and Gas Sales and Purchase Agreement that are substantially similar to the agreements approved in docket D.T.E. 01-41. Materials granted confidential treatment in D.T.E. 01-41 therefore remain competitively sensitive with respect to the Company's operations pursuant to the new agreements. Accordingly, for all the reasons contained in the enclosed motion, the Company respectfully requests that the Department extend the protected treatment granted in its final order in document D.T.E. 01-41 consistent with the grant of confidential treatment to materials from docket D.T.E. 02-19. See D.T.E. Hearing Officer Ruling, May 24, 2002.

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Please contact me if you require further assistance with respect to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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